

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's)	RM-10810
Amateur Service Rules to Eliminate)	
Morse Code Testing)	
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To: The Commission)	

COMMENTS TO THE PETITION

Concerning the Morse Code

I disagree with the petition inasmuch as the petitioners seem not to understand the reason for Morse testing and why it is or is not of relevance to the Amateur Service. The retention of Morse Code testing for any class of Amateur Radio license serves no apparent purpose, and all such testing should be eliminated at the earliest opportunity. As has been pointed out by others, the only reason a Morse exam was required at all was so that amateur radio operators could understand instructions from government stations to cease operating if they were interfering with traffic involving safety or other critical communications, and only then because everyone, amateur and commercial, was using spark transmitters. Spark is gone, thousands of stations can operate at the same time without interference, and the military no longer needs the services of thousands of trained Morse code operators.

Concerning classes of license

I believe the present 3 tier system of Amateur radio licenses is appropriate, and should be continued, with modification. There are presently planning sessions in progress with the goal of developing a proposal for a new entry level license, and some changes that would be appropriate if such a license were to be approved.

Extra class exclusive voice and CW bands

Petitioner states that the exclusive voice sub-bands available to extra class licensees be eliminated, and that a code test be required before an extra licensee could operate in the exclusive CW segments. I have already addressed the issue of code testing, above. There is no reason to remove the exclusive voice segments open to extra class licensees. Having access to exclusive segments, both voice and CW, is a clear incentive to upgrades one's skills and class of license, and has served us as a community well. There is no reason to remove this incentive.

Respectfully submitted,

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